St. Catharines Club,

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(INCORPORATED 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1878).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Of the St. Catharines Club, as revised at a General Meeting of the Club, held on the day of November, 1883.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

1. The Club shall be known as the "St. Catharines Club."

2. The number of resident members shall be limited to one hundred.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

3. Each candidate for admission shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another, stating the candidate's usual residence, rank, profession, or other description, and sent or delivered to the Secretary; and such candidate shall be balloted for on the first Saturday after the lapse of one week from the time such proposal is received by the Secretary, provided that the names of the candidate and his proposer and seconder shall have been posted in the Club Room, under the hand of the Secretary, at least one week before the day of ballot. No ballot shall be valid unless twenty members vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. One black ball in five shall exclude. No candidate who shall have been rejected shall be eligible to be proposed again within six months, and no candidate who has been twice rejected can ever thereafter become a member of the Club.

4. The mode of taking the ballot shall be as follows: It shall take place between the hours of 11 A.M. and 10 P.M. on Saturday. Each member voting shall write his name on a card to be provided for that purpose, and shall place the same in the ballot box with a white or black ball. The Secretary, in the presence of one of the committee, shall open the ballot box and declare the result to the Committee of Management.

5. On the Election of any Candidate, the Secretary shall notify him of his election and the amount of fees payable by him, and that his membership will date from payment thereof, and that he will not be entitled to the privileges of the Club until his fees are paid, and he shall also forward a copy of the Rules at once to such new member.

MONTHLY MEMBERS.

6. Any stranger, uncertain of the duration of his stay in the city, and desirous of becoming a member, may be proposed by any member, and such proposal shall be laid, by the Secretary, before the committee at its next meeting, or any meeting called for that purpose, and such stranger, if accepted by the committee, may obtain the privileges of the Club for one month, without ballot, by payment of the sum of $2. Should such monthly member desire to be elected for another month he may apply to the committee for re-election at the expiration of the month or any succeeding month. Such member shall have no voice in any matter connected with the management of the Club. The proposer of such monthly member shall be answerable to the Club for all obligations incurred by such monthly member to the Club for fees and otherwise.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

7. Any person, eligible to be a member of the Club, may be elected an honorary member, by the unanimous vote of any general meeting of the Club, such member shall have all the privileges of any ordinary member, except the right of holding office, voting, or taking part in the transaction of any business of the Club, and this rule shall apply to all persons who are now or may hereafter become honorary members, but shall not be liable to pay the usual fees.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

8. The annual subscription for resident members shall be $10, and for non-resident members $5; payable in advance on the first day of November in each year. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Club at any general meeting thereof, by resolution, adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present, to declare that the necessities of the Club require that a special per capita assessment be made upon the members of the Club, and to make such assessment and fix the amount and time of payment thereof, and every member of the Club shall forthwith become bound to pay the amount of such assessment according to the terms of such resolution.

9. In the event of any person being elected a member after the first day of May, in any year, he shall be called upon to pay only half the annual subscription for the then current year.

10. The Secretary shall notify any member one month in arrear, that his subscription or assessment must be paid forthwith, and if any such member fails to pay the same within two weeks, he shall cease to be entitled to the privileges of the Club until all dues are paid, and a list of such members shall be furnished by the Secretary to the committee at its first meeting after such notice, and it shall be the duty of the committee to suspend such member until the next general meeting of the Club, or until such dues are paid. No member shall be allowed to take part in the proceedings of the Club or vote on any subject connected therewith until he shall have paid all arrears and subscriptions which may be due by him.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

11. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer and six members of Committee, to be chosen at the November General Meeting of the Club, who shall together constitute the Committee of Management. There shall be two Auditors elected at the same meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts monthly and prepare and present at the May and November General Meetings, a printed statement showing the financial condition of the Club, and generally discharge the duties devolving upon such officers.

12. The Committee shall have full control of the management of the Club, with power to regulate tariffs for billiards, cards, etc., etc., and generally to take charge of the whole management of the Club, and everything belonging to it, and it shall be the duty of the Committee to enforce the rules of the Club, and any member acting at defiance the order or ruling of the Committee upon any point may be suspended by the Committee; any member so suspended may appeal to the Club, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to call a special meeting for the purpose of deciding such appeal.

13. If any officer of the Club or any member of the Committee resign or remove from the city, or should vacancy occur from any other cause, the Committee shall have power to choose a qualified member to act in his stead until the next general meeting of the Club.

14. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to summon a meeting of the Committee once a week for business. The Committee shall have sole use of any room which may be required for the transaction of business. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

MEETINGS OF THE CLUB.

15. There shall be two General Half-Yearly meetings of the Club, one on the Second Tuesday in November and the other one on the Second Tuesday in May in each year, at the Club House, at 8 o'clock, P.M.; fifteen members to form a quorum. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall take the Chair at all Club meetings. In absence of these officers it shall be imperative on the member elected by those present to take the Chair.

16. The Secretary shall summon a special meeting at any time on receiving directions from the Committee of Management, or on a requisition signed by not less than five members. In all such cases there must be at least fourteen days' notice of meeting posted in the Club House, and at least ten days' notice of meeting by circular to each member, which must state the object of such meeting.

17. While any meeting is being held in the Club House the billiard and card rooms shall be closed.

AMENDMENT OF RULES.

18. Any member having any new rule to propose or any suggestion to make for the alteration of existing Rules, must forward the same in writing to the Secretary at least ten days previous to any General Meeting, and such communication or a copy thereof shall be posted by the Secretary in some conspicuous place in the Club for at least seven days next preceding such meeting.

19. No addition, alteration, or amendment shall be made to or in the Rules at any meeting unless notice thereof shall have been given as required by Rule 18, nor without the consent of two-thirds of the members present at such meetings.

INTRODUCTION OF FRIENDS.

20. Any member may introduce a friend, resident at a distance of not less than ten miles from St. Catharines, for one week, by entering his name in a book kept for that purpose. The same person shall not be introduced again within two months under this rule without the special permission of the Committee.

21. No member shall be allowed to take any friend, not a member, into any room except the room set apart for that purpose, to be known as the "Strangers' Room," unless such person has been introduced under Rule No. 20. In case the Strangers' Room is occupied, then such member shall be at liberty to take such friend into the adjoining room on the first floor, unless such room is being used for the purpose of cards or other special purposes, or into the hall.

DISCIPLINE.

22. The Club House shall be opened at 10 o'clock A.M., on every day of the week, except Sunday, and at 2 P.M. on Sunday, and shall be closed, and lights extinguished at 1 o'clock A.M., on all nights except Saturdays and Sundays, on which nights it shall be closed at 12 P.M.

23. No member shall be admitted into the Club before the opening or after the closing hours. The Steward shall cause a bell to be rung 10 minutes before the time for closing, and if any member persists in remaining in the Club after such time, the Steward shall report him to the Secretary, and the Committee of Management shall have the power to punish such member by a fine not exceeding $5. Any fine inflicted under this Rule shall be payable immediately upon notification thereof to the offending member, and if not paid within one week the Committee shall have the power to suspend such member until the fine is paid.

24. Any member having fault to find, or complaint to make, may notify the Secretary in writing of the nature and ground of his complaint. At the next meeting of the Committee, complaints so made shall be considered, and the decision of the Committee reported to such member.

25. No higher stakes than quarter-dollar points shall be played for at whist, nor shall any bet exceed $1. No dice shall be used in the Club Room, except in backgammon. No gambling games shall on any account be played in the Club, such as loo, poker, etc.

26. No notices or advertisements shall be posted in the Club House, without the sanction of the Committee, and unless they are over the signature of the Secretary. No communication, dated from the Club or on Club paper, shall be sent to any public paper without the approval of the Committee.

27. No member shall take from the Club, upon any pretense whatever, any newspaper, pamphlet, book or other article, nor mutilate the same, the property of the Club.

28. Politics or religious questions of any kind shall be excluded from open discussion in the Club.

29. No person, not a member, is to be allowed to pay for anything in the Club.

30. The Steward shall not allow any accounts to run with him by any member of the Club.

31. No member is on any account to be furnished with refreshments in the Steward's room.

EXPULSION OR RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.

32. Any member wilfully infringing any rule or regulation of the Club, or being guilty of any ungentlemanly conduct, shall be liable to expulsion by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any General Meeting of the Club, seven days' notice of such meeting and the object thereof having been previously mailed to the member by the Secretary.

33. Any member who shall withdraw, resign or be expelled, shall forfeit all right or claim to the Club property or funds, and any member who shall be expelled shall forever thereafter be ineligible to be re-admitted.